

The 3rd (since 2008) U.K. 1st Gen. Blessing Preparation Workshop

South London, UK, 11. January 2014

I am usually very uplifted by going to workshops, but I can genuinely say that this one was one of the best ever! Small, but powerfully good! What made it so uplifting was everyone's attitude ; joy, enthusiasm, spirit of offering, friendship and love for True Parents ideal.



Staff in front row: Ruth Haines (Administrative Support), Susan Crosthwaite and Barbara Van Praag (prayer)

Currently in the UK we have 13, 1st Gen candidates for the matching/Blessing. 11 of them are Jacob children. Four were available to attend this seminar. Costya and Vladik travelled by bus overnight from Scotland for 10 hours, Luke came from the West Country, and Julius is one of our new South London members who recently completed his one year of active membership of our community. The workshop was held in the beautiful, recently painted youth room of our South London Peace Embassy. We heard 4 presentations: **'Preparation for the Blessing: Historical Overview of the Meaning of Blessing'**, **'The Change of Blood Lineage: Sacrament and Engrafting'**, **'The Process of the Matching and Blessing'**, and **'Temperament and Blessing; Different is Good'**. Ashley and I gave 2 presentations each. I was so amazed to observe that all of the lads ignored a call to have coffee, apple pie, custard and cream after the 3rd presentation in favour of completing a Temperament Indicator to discover their unique temperament!

Including this 'Temperament Indicator Session' in the process of preparing for the Blessing is something which I hope everyone will adopt, because it helps so much in understanding and accepting oneself, and seeing a way to accept and appreciate the uniqueness of another. The materials to be able to do that are available for the asking and will also be put onto our web-site soon. In this section:

<http://www.bfdeu.org/BFD/1stblessing/forms.php>

Another highlight of this workshop was that 2 volunteers came to lend their support: Barbara Van Praag and Ruth Haines. Heartfelt thanks to both of them!



12 gates to the Kingdom of Heaven



12 *blends of the temperaments*

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| 1. Fun/peace | 7. Peace/fun |
| 2. Fun/control | 8. Peace/control |
| 3. Fun/perfect | 9. Peace/perfect |
| 4. Control/fun | 10. Perfect/fun |
| 5. Control/peace | 11. Perfect/control |
| 6. Control/perfect | 12. Perfect/peace |

We wish all the very best to all the future Blessed Couples! – Susan Crosthwaite